Permission for new medical colleges in Tamil Nadu

1864. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permission has been declined to six new medical colleges in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the criteria for granting permission to start new medical colleges by State Government Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) A total of 8 proposals for establishement of new medical colleges were received from Tamil Nadu in the year 2003. Permission of the Central Government has been granted for establishment of new Government Medical College at Asaripallam. Five proposals were not meeting the qualifying criteria/ requirement prescribed in the Regulations of Medical Council of India and were returned as disapproved. Remaining two proposals are also not fulfilling the qualifying criteria but have been withheld from returning on the direction of High Court at Chennai.

(b) The detailed procedure for grant of permission by the Central Government is given in the Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999.

Assistance to NGOs for setting up of hospitals/health centres

1865. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provide grant/assistance to NGOs to set up small hospitals/health centers;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the details of such hospitals/health centres in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There is no scheme to provide grant or assistance to NGOs to set up small hospital or health centres. However, there are schemes to give assistance